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1. AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL, MISSION HAS ADEQUATE EXISTING GUIDANCE FOR INITIAL DISCUSSION APRIL 19 OF IS TEXT OF DRAFT AD-70 SPRING REPORT.

2. HOWEVER, WE WISH MISSION TO BE AWARE OF DEPTH OF CONCERN HERE THAT INTERNATIONAL STAFF IS ONCE AGAIN ATTEMPTING TO DO AWAY WITH SPRING REVIEW OF DEFENSE PROGRAMS.

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3. WE CONTINUE TO BE PUZZLED BY HUMPHREY'S RELUCTANCE

TO CONTINUE CONCEPT OF ANNUAL SPRING REVIEW. NET EFFECT
OF HIS CURRENT PROPOSAL FOR SPRING 1975 WOULD AMOUNT TO
A DUPLICATION OF THE GUIDANCE

EXERCISE SCHEDULED FOR SPRING 1975 IN THE DRC. WOULD
APPRECIATE MISSION DISCUSSION WITH HUMPHREYS IN EFFORT TO
DISCOVER HIS OBJECTION TO ANNUAL SPRING REVIEW OF NATO
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